# THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE JUDICIAL BRANCH

SUPERIOR COURT

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#### NOTICE OF DECISION

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Case Name:

In the Matter of the Liquidation of Noble Trust Company

Case Number:

217-2008-EQ-00053

Enclosed please find a copy of the court's order of March 13, 2014 relative to:

Order Approving Settlement and Release Agreement with Investors Independent Trust Company

March 14, 2014

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SUPERIOR COURT

Docket No. 08-E-0053

## In the Matter of the Liquidation of Noble Trust Company

# ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT WITH INVESTORS INDEPENDENT TRUST COMPANY

Upon consideration of the Liquidator's Motion for Approval of Settlement and Release Agreement with Investors Independent Trust Company dated February 27, 2014 (the "Motion"), pursuant to which Glenn A. Perlow, Bank Commissioner for the State of New Hampshire, in his capacity as Liquidator of Noble Trust Company (the "Liquidator" and "Noble Trust," respectively), seeks approval of a Settlement Agreement with Investors Independent Trust Company dated as of February 12, 2014 (the "Settlement Agreement") by and between the Liquidator and Investors Independent Trust Company ("IITC"); due written notice of the Motion having been given and served upon all creditors and other interested persons entitled thereto; the Court having reviewed the Motion and the Affidavit in Support of the Motion; there being no objections made to the relief requested; and having found that approval of the Settlement Agreement is an appropriate and prudent exercise of the Liquidator's judgment, is fair and reasonable and is in the best interests of this estate and its creditors; and, after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor; it is hereby

### ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted, and the Settlement Agreement is approved. The Liquidator, IITC and all other parties are authorized to take all steps and execute all documents necessary or convenient to consummate or otherwise enter into the Settlement Agreement.



Neither the Liquidator, nor IITC shall have or incur any liability to any person or entity with respect to any of the actions required or permitted to implement the Settlement Agreement or for having entered into the Settlement Agreement.

- 2. The Settlement Agreement is subject to the entry of a final order by this Court in the Liquidation Proceeding approving the Settlement Agreement (the "Court Approval"). The Court Approval shall be deemed to occur on the date that such order shall have become non-appealable or, in the event of an appeal, has been affirmed after all appeals therefrom have been exhausted.
- 3. IITC has paid to the Liquidator the aggregate sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$325,000.00) (the "Settlement Amount"), which the Liquidator has deposited in a separate, segregated account (the "Settlement Account") pending Court Approval. If Court Approval does not become effective, the Liquidator shall thereupon return the Settlement Amount to IITC, without setoff or deduction on account of any claim that the Liquidator or any Third Party (defined below) may otherwise have against IITC or any other claim that is made in the Liquidation Proceeding. Upon Court Approval, the Settlement Amount shall be released from the Settlement Account and accepted by the Liquidator and will become part of the liquidation estate to be distributed or used by the Liquidator as appropriate.
- 4. Upon Court Approval, any and all third parties (including, but not limited to, all holders or beneficiaries of Client Accounts) and any and all other persons or entities claiming an interest in the IITC Custodianship (collectively "Third Parties") shall be barred from pursuing claims against IITC, its directors, officers, employees, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns related in any way to the IITC Custodianship, the accounts and monies administered by IITC, or the Settlement Agreement. Upon Court Approval, Third Parties shall be further barred

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from pursuing claims against IITC, the Liquidator or Noble Trust, asserted by, through, or under the Client Accounts. All liens, claims, encumbrances and interests in such Client Accounts asserted by any and all Third Parties shall be administered and adjudicated in the Liquidation Proceeding in conjunction with the Liquidator's Plan of Liquidation and pursuant to further order(s) of the Liquidation Court. Notwithstanding any bar of claims, however, nothing in the Settlement Agreement or this Order shall prevent any Noble Trust investor or client that held a Client Account from continuing to assert a timely filed claim against the liquidation estate of Noble Trust and Aegean Scotia.

5. Upon Court Approval, all releases by and between the Liquidator and IITC provided for in the Settlement Agreement shall become effective.

Dated: March 13, 2014

Hon. Larry M. Smukler

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Christopher M. Candon, hereby certify that on February 27, 2014, a copy of the foregoing was served by first class mail, postage prepaid on the parties listed below. <sup>1</sup>

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